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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstituted for estimating data on shipments valued \$251-\$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued \$100-\$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total			All carriers			Total			All carriers		
	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania
Total, all carriers...	66,832	(X)	16,635	7,184	31,877	7,589	1,325	1,825	499,825	(X)	62,827	88,042
U.S. flag carriers....	9	(X)	24,945	7,037	2,313	11,737	2,856	404	384	(X)	190,525	35,379
St. Albans, Vt.....	1,678	1,068	304	(Z)	1,304	55	6	9	18,287	7,707	979	506
Boston, Mass.....	91	53	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90
Buffalo, N.Y.....	29,731	9,961	2,518	1,969	20,431	3,362	229	1,160	258,302	85,755	13,836	33,888
Philadelphia, Pa.....	353	270	63	1	231	52	(Z)	15	3,351	2,519	357	2,213
Baltimore, Md.....	89	46	42	(Z)	47	(Z)	-	-	218	211	105	110
Savannah, Ga.....	32	32	32	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	106	106	102	1
Tampa, Fla.....	79	37	78	1	1	1	-	-	164	14	157	6
New Orleans, La.....	360	163	330	18	11	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1,152	501	970	80
Laredo, Tex.....	115	60	109	(Z)	6	-	-	-	435	289	340	9
El Paso, Tex.....	33	33	33	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	373	373	365	7
Nogales, Ariz.....	42	15	34	-	9	-	-	-	136	59	85	51
Los Angeles, Calif.....	3,357	1,283	697	147	1,244	997	229	42	50,508	19,343	6,340	1,217
San Francisco, Calif...	1,801	781	227	34	196	1,049	255	40	28,264	11,314	1,184	461
Portland, Ore.....	47	47	39	8	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	77	77	15	49
Seattle, Wash.....	831	601	257	18	135	297	96	28	12,619	9,523	2,234	771
Anchorage, Alaska.....	232	122	44	2	57	132	-	-	228	8	8	76
Great Falls, Mont.....	46	46	46	-	1	57	132	-	3,171	1,773	413	11
Pembina, N. Dak.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	575	575	575	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	153	153	79	25	49	-	(Z)	(Z)	1,688	1,688	717	218
Duluth, Minn.....	16	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	56	56	56	-
Detroit, Mich.....	1,003	233	21	846	30	2	31	31	6,818	5,882	963	98
Chicago, Ill.....	5,606	3,154	1,361	4	3,621	493	10	117	37,273	19,275	9,365	6
Cleveland, Ohio.....	251	51	218	17	17	46	-	-	1,810	317	1,426	1
St. Louis, Mo.....	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	17	17	17	-
San Juan, P.R.....	765	541	653	95	15	-	2	2	2,412	953	899	1,028
Miami, Fla.....	4,678	5,218	3,892	132	16	(Z)	(Z)	21	27,292	12,081	10,872	15,187
Houston, Tex.....	684	263	236	89	166	72	-	103	3,777	1,502	846	78
Washington, D.C.....	513	138	(Z)	74	437	28	-	-	9,995	2	615	2
All other districts...	23	21	10	3	6	4	(Z)	(Z)	282	94	17	110
Shipments under \$251...	8,882	(NA)	3,551	818	2,916	1,024	321	232	19,624	(NA)	6,486	1,713
Special Category.....	396	214	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	9,234	5,267	(D)	(D)

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

Z Less

- Represents zero.

than 500 pounds or \$500.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America
Total, all carriers..	44,129	(X)	6,713	3,890	25,268	7,801	176	192	223,567	(X)	21,098
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	(X)	3,019	1,595	11,302	4,211	45	73	108,590		10,718
St. Albans, Vt.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	3	2	1
Boston, Mass.....	1,597	974	38	(Z)	1,431	38	-	(Z)	6,591	4,438	385
Buffalo, N.Y.....	223	193	20	20	10	10	26	144	1,170	1,008	938
New York City, N.Y.....	20,731	9,952	473	1,484	16,518	2,085	26	-	53,422	4,005	4,570
Philadelphia, Pa.....	253	207	6	2	236	6	-	3	4,516	3,536	37
Baltimore, Md.....	60	54	4	-	49	-	2	6	506	436	62
Savannah, Ga.....	140	118	24	(Z)	116	(Z)	-	-	178	91	100
Tampa, Fla.....	35	(Z)	4	29	2	-	-	-	260	40	58
New Orleans, La.....	260	114	187	4	69	-	-	-	180	126	107
Laredo, Tex.....	112	87	112	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	390	89	385
El Paso, Tex.....	6	6	6	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	303	299	300
Nogales, Ariz.....	2,589	1,297	200	79	618	1,629	57	4	20,325	9,422	2,871
San Francisco, Calif.....	2,745	2,129	47	22	229	2,426	20	(Z)	22,322	16,674	910
Portland, Oreg.....	57	55	2	-	52	1	2	2	340	330	22
Seattle, Wash.....	252	150	58	-	109	85	1	(Z)	2,814	1,925	1,439
Anchorage, Alaska.....	15	1	(Z)	-	14	(Z)	(Z)	-	112	45	11
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	92	41	11	6	63	10	-	-	944	580	30
Great Falls, Mont.....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	165	162	169
Femling, N. Dak.....	17	16	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	29	29	8	-	20	2	-	-	283	248	83
Duluth, Minn.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	1	(Z)	(Z)
Detroit, Mich.....	865	807	344	515	6	6	-	-	2,150	1,859	539
Chicago, Ill.....	2,055	755	223	2	1,651	164	15	15	13,682	4,991	2,667
Cleveland, Ohio.....	97	13	62	-	29	6	-	-	573	370	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	8	7	(Z)	-	7	(Z)	-	(Z)	110	78	110
St. Louis, Mo.....	1,618	1,411	140	64	244	2	(Z)	(Z)	1,860	770	1,151
Maui, Fla.....	4,741	2,524	2,606	163	10	10	(Z)	(Z)	6,780	3,530	3,973
Houston, Tex.....	238	137	14	77	14	7	-	3	3,203	2,402	187
Washington, D.C.....	282	281	41	-	236	4	1	(Z)	1,879	1,732	12
All other districts....	60	52	11	(Z)	47	1	1	-	208	159	148
Shipments under \$251..	5,033	(NA)	480	151	2,988	1,254	58	13	6,137	(NA)	585

- Represents zero. NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.